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Dear Sirs,

Microsoft has done irreparable damage to the computing industry as a whole, and inestimable damage to the American economy. To let them continue to practice their anti-competitive practices is unthinkable, yet this is exactly what they intend to do. Since Microsoft does not have the wisdom and foresight to control itself, it is obvious that other measures must be taken before it is too late.

I believe that the proposed settlement is bad. It is nothing more than yet another indulgence to a company that has had far too many. I believe that much stricter and harsher consequences must be levied upon Microsoft to bring them back into line and to help re-open the door to innovation and healthy competition that is the hallmark of American business.

I say this as an expert in technology; I have a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science and I have been very familiar with technology for nearly a decade. I have seen many better companies and many better products than the ones that Microsoft produces be wiped out of existence merely to sustain Microsoft's profit margin. Please do not let them continue to stand in the way of progress and freedom.

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